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CELLS AND ASSESSMENT THEREOF

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed August 22, 2005, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment either places the application into condition for allowance or reduces the number of issues for appeal. In this instance, rejected Claims 17, 31 and 33 are cancelled, and allowed Claim 39 is rewritten as an independent claim incorporating the limitations of the base claim from which it depends. Therefore, all pending claims have been indicated to be allowable. A Notice of Appeal accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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